

"Araluen"
Ensay. Vic. 3895.
(051) 57 3232

The Secretary
Land Conservation Council
464 St. Kilda Road
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3000.

December 7, 1982.

Dear Sir,

I have attached my personal submission, which contains in essence viewpoints of the Mountain District Cattlemen's Association of Victoria, relating to cattle grazing on the Alpine Area of Victoria.

An official submission from the M.D.C.A.V. will be presented within the extension of time arranged with our Liaison Officer, Mr. McCready.

In preparing my paper I have attempted to make it easily read by adhering to the briefest outlines but each point made has scope for extensive explanation and others could be added.

One not unimportant point relating to visitors to bush lands and cattle grazing, omitted from my submission, is that semi domesticated cattle may be seen. It is an interesting delight for many people to observe such things as calves playing or being cared for by their mothers or simply to see cattle grazing or ruminating in the shade.

The fact of cattle being present gives subject matter of animal life to be viewed under the most natural conditions, while the native or feral animals are rarely seen because they are instinctively wary of humans and are mostly of nocturnal habits.

I trust that submissions from my Association and its members will receive fair attention and that ultimately the most common sense system of Crown or Public Land utilization will prevail.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES A. COMMINS